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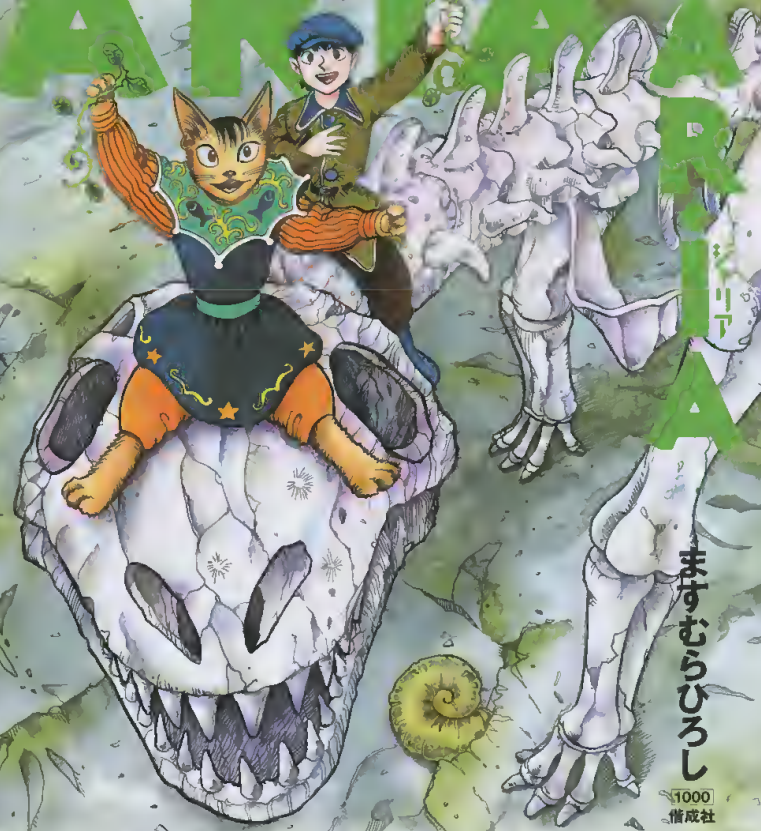

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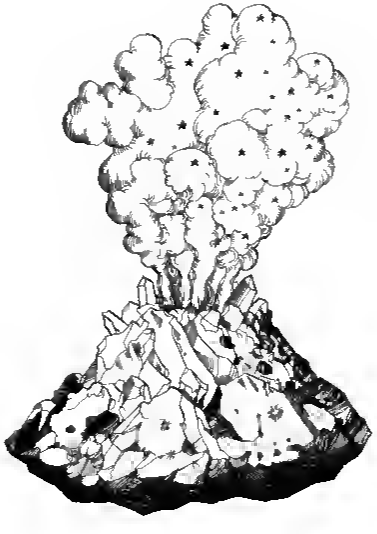

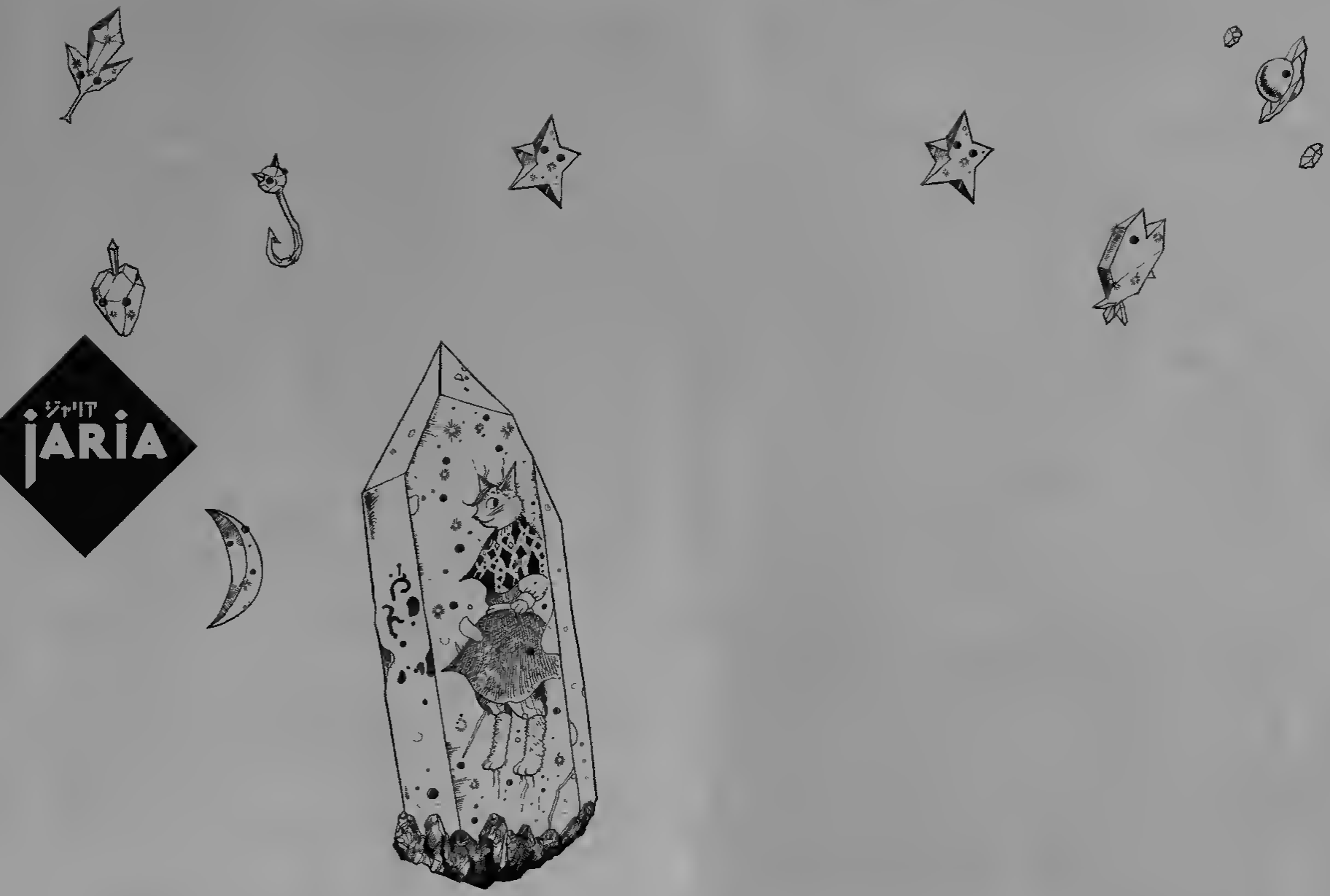
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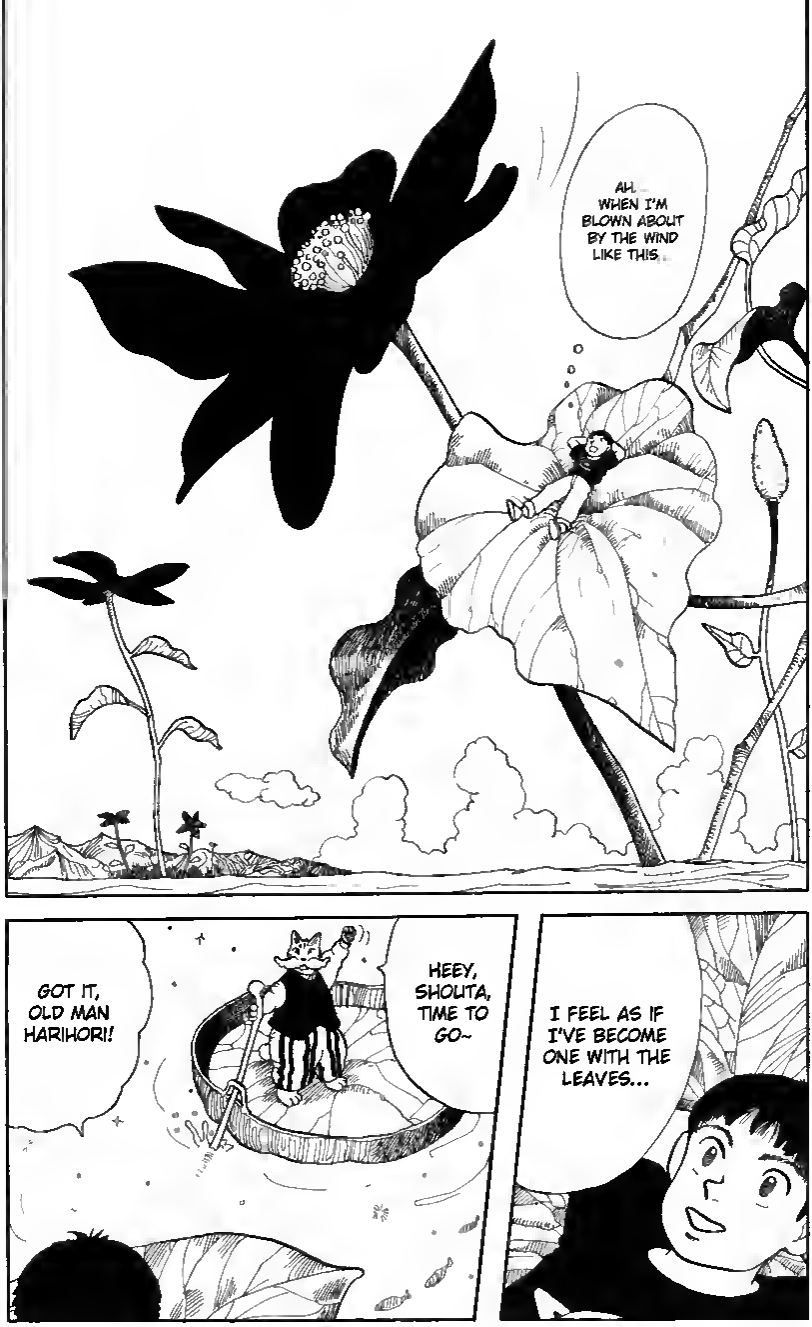
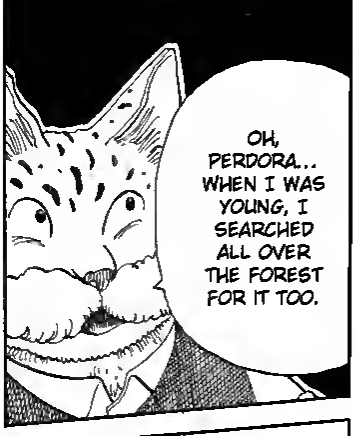
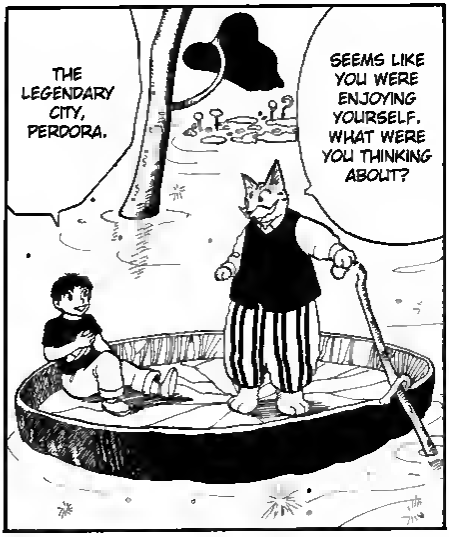
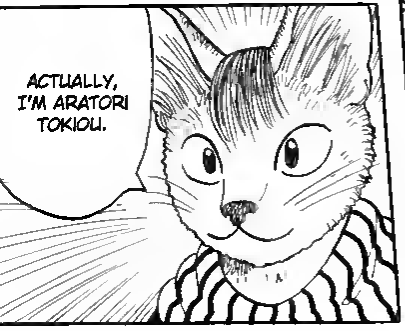

AH, WHEN I'M BLOWN ABOUT BY THE WIND LIKE THIS...
I FEEL AS IF I'VE BECOME ONE WITH THE LEAVES...
HEEY, SHOUTA, TIME TO GO~
GOT IT, OLD MAN HARIHORI!


OH, PERDORA... WHEN I WAS YOUNG, I SEARCHED ALL OVER THE FOREST FOR IT TOO.

HEY, SOMEONE'S COMING THIS WAY.


THE LEGENDARY CITY, PERDORA.
SEEMS LIKE YOU WERE ENJOYING YOURSELF. WHAT WERE YOU THINKING ABOUT?

OH... BUT THAT ENTIRE FOREST BELONGS TO ARATORI-SAN WHO LIVES IN THE YUKINOZOMI MOUNTAINS.


ACTUALLY, I'M ARATORI TOKIOU.

PLEASED TO MEET YOU.
GREETINGS, I HAVE RECENTLY MOVED TO STILLWATER FOREST NEARBY. MY NAME IS TOKIOU.

TRAINING ?
YES. I CAME HERE TO THE FOREST FOR MY TRAINING.
SO YOU'RE ARATORI-SAN'S CHILD, ARE YOU?
HELLO.
FROM TODAY ONWARDS ARATORI-KUN WILL BE JOINING US IN OUR STUDIES.
THE DAY AFTER.
ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE
HUH... IT'S THE PERSON FROM YESTERDAY.

HAVE A LOOK... THIS IS A TYPE OF MINERAL CALLED RAINBOW GLOWSTONE.
NOW FOR FIRST PERIOD WE WILL BE LEARNING THE HISTORY OF MINERALS.
HEY.
HEY.
SO THERE ARE MINERALS INSIDE MY BODY...
INSIDE ME...
ONE EXAMPLE IS IRON. AS SUCH, IRON IS...
ACTUALLY, INSIDE BOTH CATS AND HUMANS, THERE ARE MANY SMALL, SMALL MINERALS.
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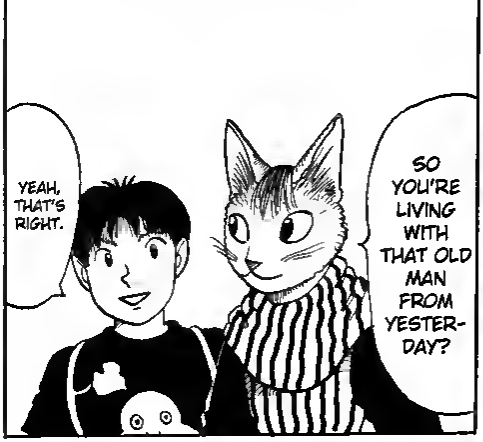
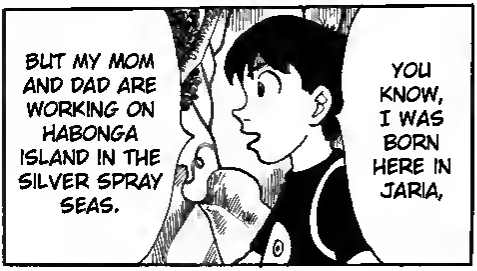
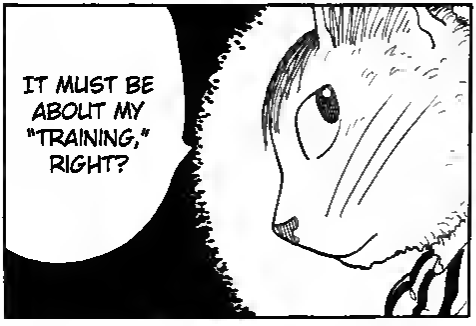
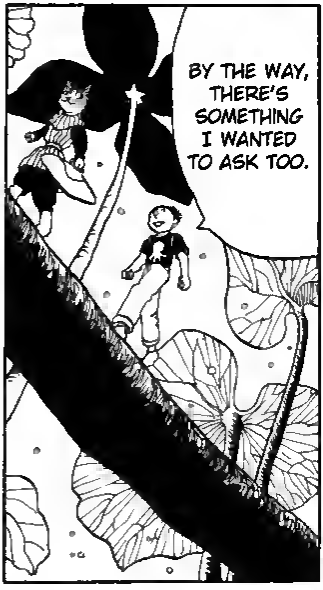
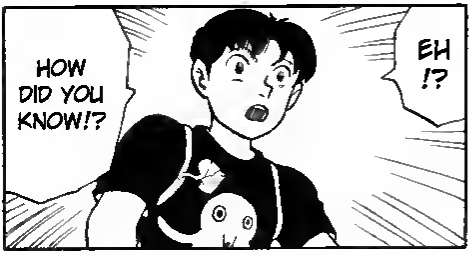

YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.
SO YOU'RE LIVING WITH THAT OLD MAN FROM YESTERDAY?

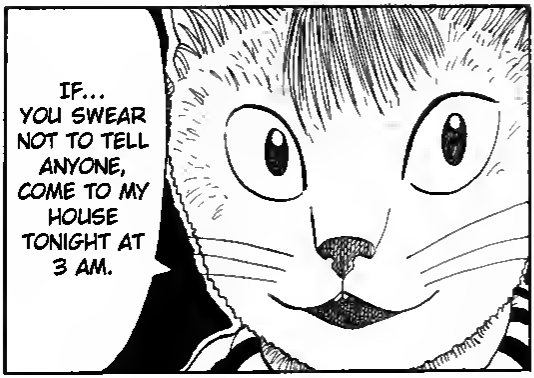
OH, TOKIOU-KUN. WANNA GO HOME TOGETHER?
SURE. WE'RE GOING THE SAME DIRECTION, AFTER ALL.


BUT MY MOM AND DAD ARE WORKING ON HABONGA ISLAND IN THE SILVER SPRAY SEAS.
YOU KNOW, I WAS BORN HERE IN JARIA,

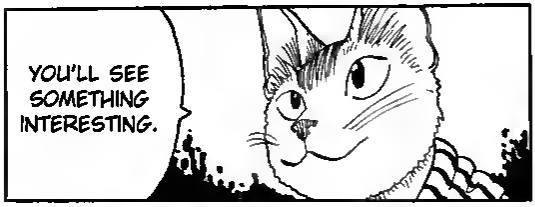

IT MUST BE ABOUT MY "TRAINING," RIGHT?

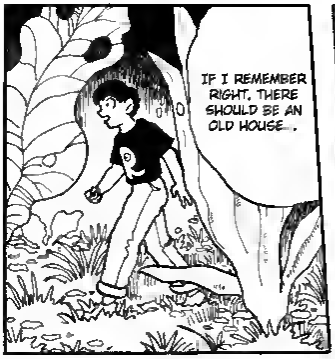

BY THE WAY, THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO ASK TOO.


EH !?
HOW DID YOU KNOW!?

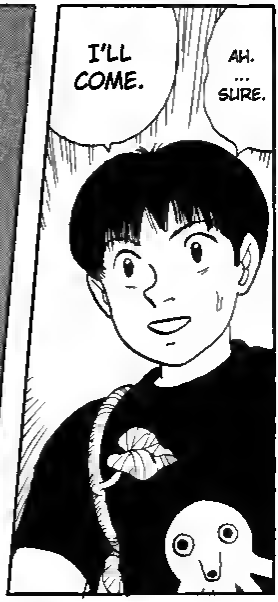

IF... YOU SWEAR NOT TO TELL ANYONE, COME TO MY HOUSE TONIGHT AT 3 AM.

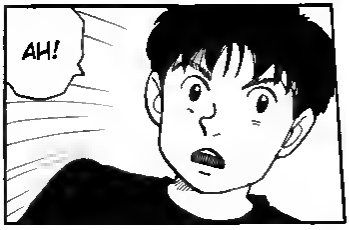
THAT'S JUST THE IMPRESSION THAT I GOT.


YOU'LL SEE SOMETHING INTERESTING.


IF I REMEMBER RIGHT, THERE SHOULD BE AN OLD HOUSE...

THAT NIGHT


I'LL COME.
AH. ... SURE.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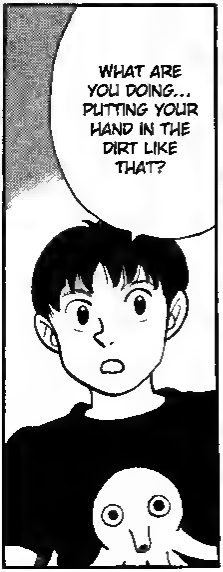
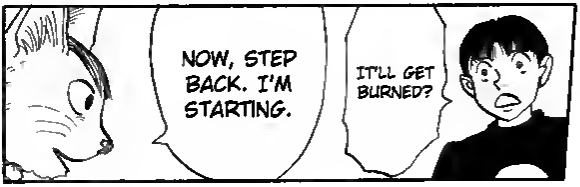

WHAT ARE YOU DOING... PUTTING YOUR HAND IN THE DIRT LIKE THAT?

HEY, YOU CAME. I WAS WAITING.

WITHOUT THE POLLEN, MY HAND WILL GET BURNED, YOU SEE.

YEAH, IT'S THE POLLEN OF ROJIL GRASS AND FLAME GRASS.
YOUR HAND'S COVERED IN POLLEN, ISN'T IT?

IT'S EXACTLY WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE. THIS IS A PART OF MY "TRAINING."


NOW, STEP BACK. I'M STARTING.
IT'LL GET BURNED?

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HOW ABOUT A GLASS OF WILD STRAW-BERRY WATER?
OKAY …
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IT'S NICE AND COOL.
SURE… THANKS.
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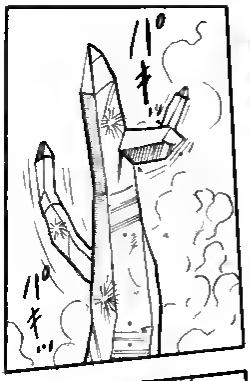
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THE CRYSTALS ARE GROWING AND BRANCHING OUT!

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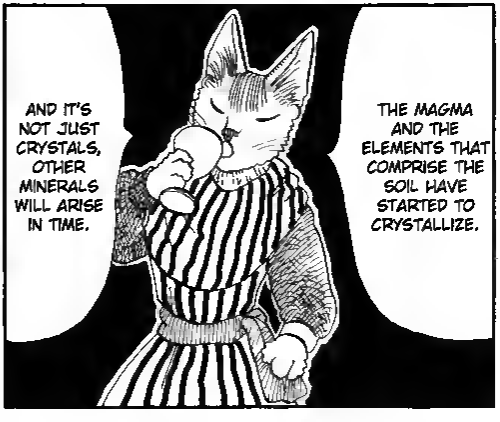
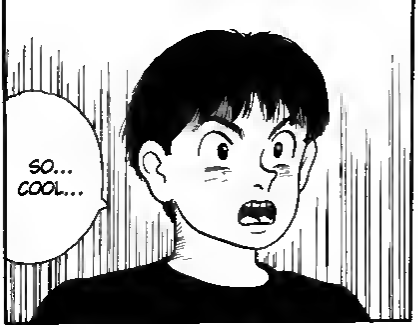
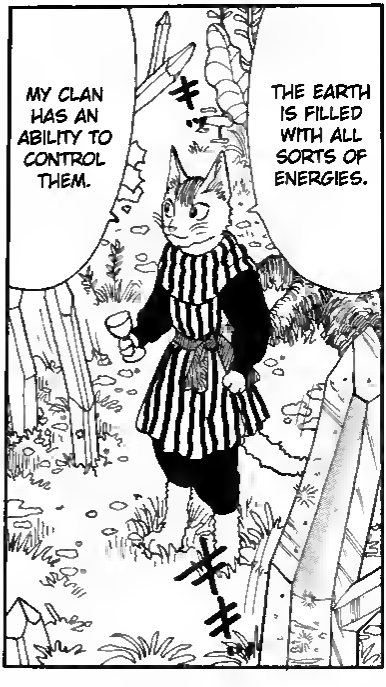
WHO IN THE WORLD ARE YOU!?


AND IT'S NOT JUST CRYSTALS, OTHER MINERALS WILL ARISE IN TIME.
THE MAGMA AND THE ELEMENTS THAT COMPRISE THE SOIL HAVE STARTED TO CRYSTALLIZE.


SO... COOL...


THE EARTH IS FILLED WITH ALL SORTS OF ENERGIES.
MY CLAN HAS AN ABILITY TO CONTROL THEM.
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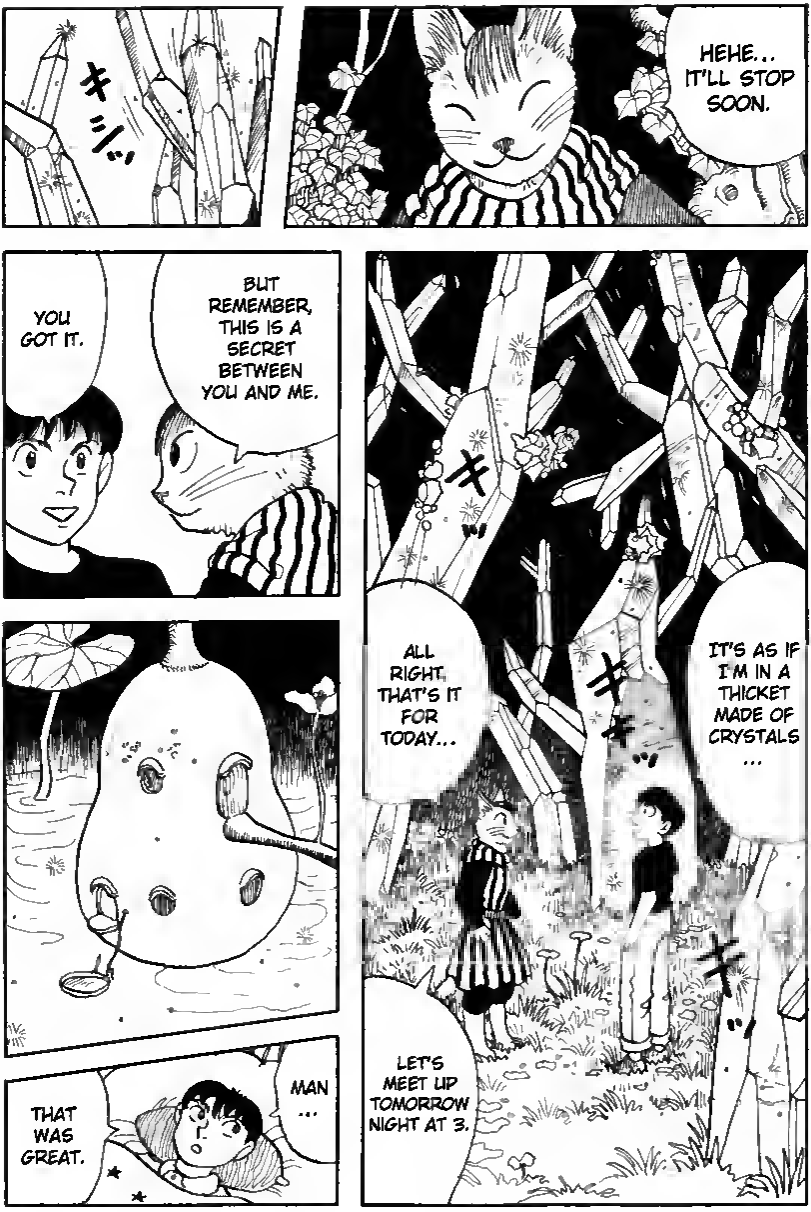
ALSO, THE REASON I CALLED YOU IS, YOU SEE,
BECAUSE I WANT YOU TO TOUCH THE GROUND THE WAY I DID.

THAT'S FINE, BUT IT'S NOT LIKE ANYTHING IS GONNA HAPPEN IF I TOUCH IT.
NATURALLY, IT WON'T IF YOU DO IT ALONE

HERE WE GO!
WAH
MY EARS ARE RINGING.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HEHE... IT'LL STOP SOON.
BUT REMEMBER, THIS IS A SECRET BETWEEN YOU AND ME.
YOU GOT IT.
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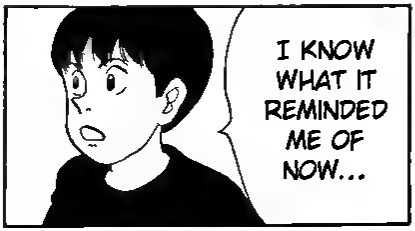
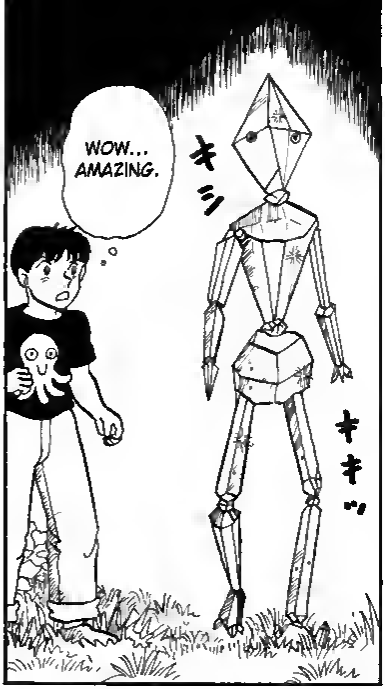
IT'S AS IF I'M IN A THICKET MADE OF CRYSTALS ...
ALL RIGHT, THAT'S IT FOR TODAY...
LET'S MEET UP TOMORROW NIGHT AT 3.
MAN ...
THAT WAS GREAT.

AH... I CAN'T REMEMBER..
IT REMINDS ME OF SOMETHING ...
THAT CRYSTAL THICKET ...
I WISH THE NIGHT WOULD COME SOONER.
THE NEXT DAY WAS A HOLIDAY FROM SCHOOL.
IT'S ONLY 2:30... BUT I'M SURE IT'S OKAY.
THAT NIGHT
HEEY, TOKIOU-KUUUN.
I'M A BIT EARLY, BUT I'M HERE~
WHA.

TH... THIS IS...
A CRYS-TAL CITY!


I KNOW WHAT IT REMINDED ME OF NOW...


WOW... AMAZING.
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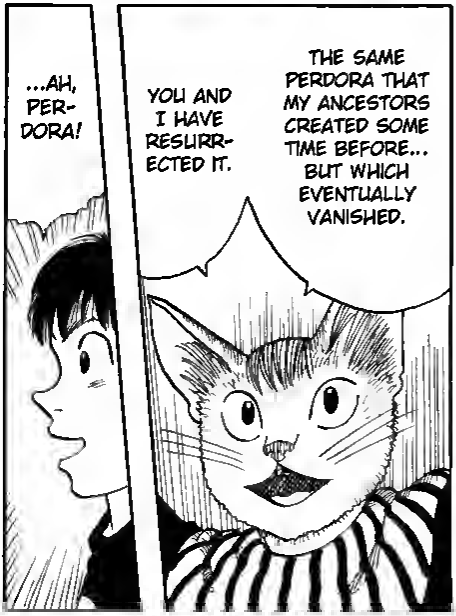
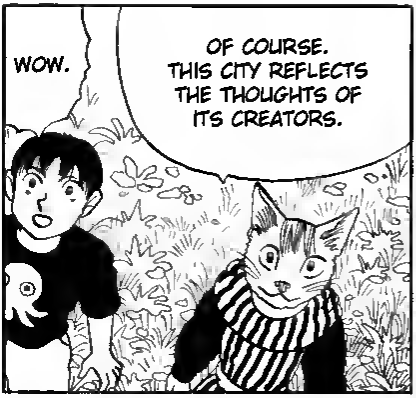
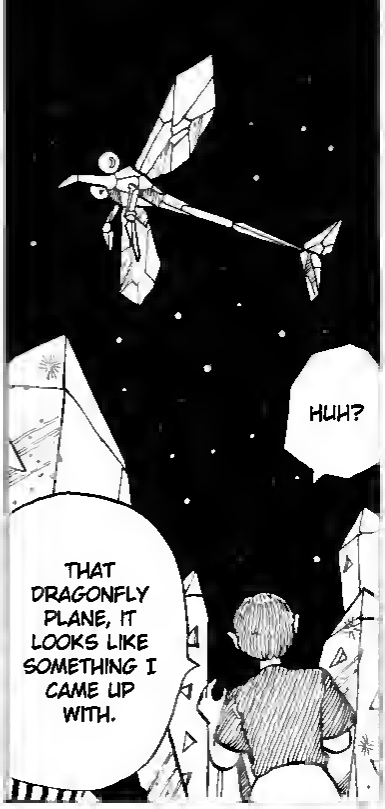
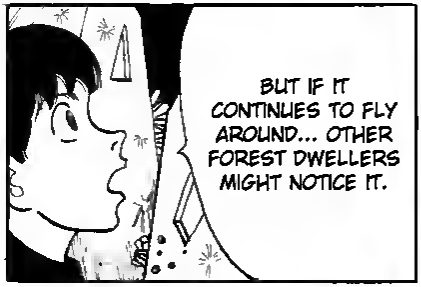
I'VE READ ABOUT THIS IN A BOOK... IT'S THE LEGENDARY CITY OF CRYSTALS, PERDORA!

THAT'S RIGHT, SHOUTA-KUN.
THIS IS PERDORA.

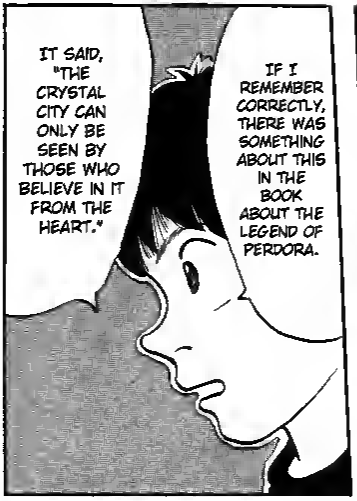

THE SAME PERDORA THAT MY ANCESTORS CREATED SOME TIME BEFORE... BUT WHICH EVENTUALLY VANISHED.
YOU AND I HAVE RESURR-ECTED IT.
...AH, PER-DORA!


WOW.
OF COURSE. THIS CITY REFLECTS THE THOUGHTS OF ITS CREATORS.


HUH?
THAT DRAGONFLY PLANE, IT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING I CAME UP WITH.


BUT IF IT CONTINUES TO FLY AROUND... OTHER FOREST DWELLERS MIGHT NOTICE IT.

WHILE ANYONE CAN IMAGINE A CITY OF LIVING CRYSTAL,


IT SAID, "THE CRYSTAL CITY CAN ONLY BE SEEN BY THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN IT FROM THE HEART."
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT THIS IN THE BOOK ABOUT THE LEGEND OF PERDORA.

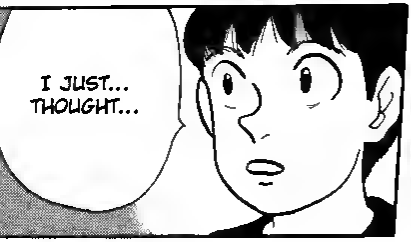
AH... I SEE.
HEHE... THIS CITY CAN'T BE SEEN BY MOST FOLK.

WE ARE NOTHING BUT A PART OF THE SCENERY TO THEM.
YES, THEY CAN ONLY TALK AMONG THEMSELVES.
ALSO, I REMEMBER THE BOOK SAID THAT "THE CRYSTALS CAN ONLY CONVERSE WITH OTHER CRYSTALS."
TO "BELIEVE IN IT FROM THE HEART" IS VERY DIFFICULT.
WOW... CRYSTAL FISH.
HOW ABOUT WE TEST IT OUT RIGHT HERE?
TRY PICKING UP ONE.

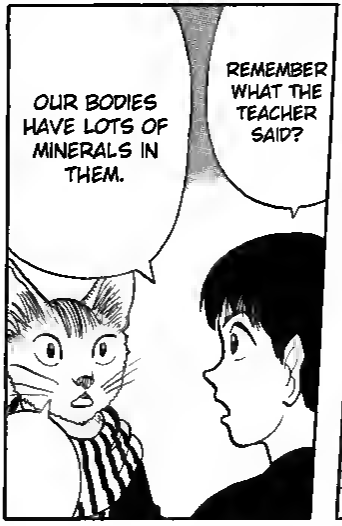
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT... HE DOESN'T SEEM TO SEE ME.
HELLO, HELLO!
HELLO!
JUST AS WE CAN'T SPEAK WITH THEM, WE CAN'T PICK UP THAT FISH EITHER.
HUH!?
IT'S LIKE IT'S STUCK!
...WHAT ARE YOU UP TO, SHOUTA-KUN?
.....
AS I SAID, WE'RE JUST SCENERY TO THEM.
HAHAHA, IT WON'T WORK.

HE... HE GAVE IT TO ME...
HOW DID YOU DO IT!?

WHA.


I JUST... THOUGHT...

SO... I THOUGHT FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART...


OUR BODIES HAVE LOTS OF MINERALS IN THEM.
REMEMBER WHAT THE TEACHER SAID?

AH, YOU KNOW.
THOUGHT ?

THAT LONG, LONG TIME AGO, THERE WAS ONCE A TIME THAT I WAS ALSO A MINERAL...